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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : As between Khadi and handloom cloth, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that Khadi is costlier than handloom cloth and it is not also durable as handloom cloth? Will the Government advise the Grama Sevaks to take to cheaper cloths which are more durable and cheaper than the faddists' Khadi?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In the first place I may again tell the hon. Member that Khadi is also handloom cloth. If it is a question of more economy, I wonder whether the hon. Member would definitely prefer Handloom cloth to mill cloth, which is definitely cheaper than Khadi and handloom cloth.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Government's insistence on these Grama Sevak trainees' wearing Khadi even though they have no faith in Khadi really tends to train them in hypocrisy? Immediately after training, they give up the practice of wearing Khadi. Therefore will the Government stop issuing such orders which tend to create hypocrisy and discontent in the people?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not at all agree with the hon. Member that insistence of certain disciplinary matters for trainees leads to hypocrisy and all that.

* 3024 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri A. K. Subbiah) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to recruit women candidates as Grama Sevaks; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Business firms in Kozhikode

* 3025 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any business firms in Kozhikode were declared as evacuee properties in 1949 and placed under the Custodian of Evacuee Property, Madras;

(*b*) the present manager of the above firms; and

(*c*) the number of employees working on the staff of the management of the firms and their service conditions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Two business firms belonging to Adam Haji Peer Mohammed Essack and Haji Ebrahim Kasam Cochinwala of Kozhikode were declared as evacuee properties on 13th October 1949 under the Administration of Evacuee Property Ordinance, 1949, and vested in the Custodian.